

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended by adding the steps of “applying a paint having a non-conductive oxide constituent over the prikrmer coat”, “allowing the paint coat to harden” and, “removing the paint and non-conductive oxide constituent, together with the combustible base primer coat.” Claims 5, 6 and 7 are amended so that the wording is made consonant with the amended claim 1, without altering the meaning of these dependent claims.

Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC § 112

These claims are rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph, inasmuch as the Specification does not support a process as broadly as the claimed process (O.A. ref. #3 and #4) and under 35 USC 112 second paragraph, as being indefinite (O. A. ref. #5)

Through the above referenced amendment, the scope of claim 1 is clearly limited to the steps required for practicing the invention as described in the Specification (ref. page 4, lines 10-19) In this manner also, the amended claims 1-7 now particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention.

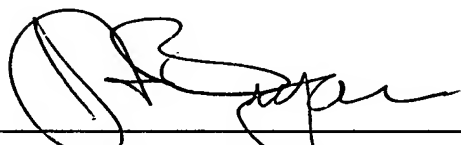
Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC § 103

Mirabeau et al, US 5,11,756, discloses applying of a conductive epoxy (base or primer) coat in the manner of the present invention. Mirabeau does not teach the deposit of any subsequent paint coating or the removal of the subsequent and base coats.

Through the above referenced amendment, by adding the step of applying paint coat(s) over the base coat and the step of removing that coat, along with the base coat, by thermal, chemical or mechanical means, is now distinguishes the claimed invention over that of Mirabeau.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, now clearly distinguish the invention over the prior art and respectfully represents the claims to be in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that the amended claims now be reconsidered and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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